



ENVISION ARLINGTON FISCAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP
Meeting Minutes 7:30 PM 5/16/19

Senior Center Ground Floor Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Gordon Jamieson (Co-Chair), Heather Remoff, David Garbarino, Pete Howard (Secretary)

1. Leadership Interviews: Postponed until next year. Fire Chief next.
2. Invitations to meeting: Gordon has scheduled the School CFO for next month. The Treasurer & Comptroller will be invited next year.
3. Government Primer: Pete to update the primer to account for recent Town organization changes.
4. Town Meeting: The meeting dissolved (ended) yesterday after 8 sessions. Pete & Gordon described some of the issues. They were impressed by the AHS Building Committee presentation. The group watched the video on Gordon's phone. The ARB proposals to enable development of Mass Ave were withdrawn after a negative reaction to increased density. Hopefully the ARB will have better luck next year. The group discussed the new multi-use building on Mass Ave near AHS agreeing that it is a big improvement over what was there before. One resident complained about her increased assessment, especially the large increase in the land value. She was briefed by Pete & then Gordon at the break. Heather was glad to hear about the land value assessment.
5. Order of articles in the Warrant: The zoning articles should not be first. A better order would be SD articles, ARB articles FinCom articles. Pete & Gordon discussed a one page handout. Gordon will approach Joe Curro.
6. Special Election: There was a general discussion of the exclusion/override vote to be held 6/11. The campaign is underway. It focuses on "school people" with extra funding in addition to AHS, elderly people with extra funding for sidewalks, and drivers with extra funding for roads. David noted that he has not heard much about it.
7. New Members: Gordon will contact the several people who expressed interest after filling in the annual survey.

Next mtg Jun 18

Meetings monthly - 3rd Thursdays 7:30 PM - Usually in Senior Center